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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 AND 1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of the subject application which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to Reference BN which is listed on the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449 entitled "Supplemental List of References Cited."

Identification of references listed on the enclosed revised PTO Form 1449 is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "Supplemental List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited." The right is reserved to antedate any item in accordance with standard procedure.

A copy of each cited reference is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the reference cited on the enclosed Supplemental List of References Cited and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Applicants believe that the fee due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) is \$240.00. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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